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SAN LUIS REY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

From: Charley Marchesano, Senior Project Manager, County Parks and Recreation

To: All parties and individuals interested in the San Luis Rey Master Plan project

First of all, thank you for your continued interest in and support of this ambitious county and community project. As it has been some time since we have provided new information on the Master Plan, I would like to give an update on the current status of the project and provide a link to a place where you can get more information, as well as future monthly updates. By clicking on <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/projects.html#slrdraft> you will go directly to the portion of our webpage identifying the latest information on the San Luis Rey Master Plan. We will do our best to provide monthly updates and will provide plenty of notice for any upcoming events.

Our last official public meeting took place last May (2006) and related to the kick-off of our environmental review process. Since then, we have been diligently completing field surveys and analysis and now have a very preliminary draft of our Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This is being reviewed internally and we anticipate releasing a draft for public review later this summer (stay tuned). The draft Master Plan document remains available for your viewing at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/projects.html#slrdraft>. We intend to finalize the Master Plan once we have completed the environmental process and can incorporate any resulting changes, as well as add those we received previously from the public.

Over the last several months, we have also held meetings with local equestrians, Native American Tribes and Fish and Wildlife Agencies to discuss issues related to the Master Plan. Additionally, we have and will continue to coordinate very closely with Caltrans on the SR76 Expansion project. Our goal has been to make sure our projects compliment each other, while preventing any delays to construction of the road. County staff also continues to pursue opportunities for acquisition of land within the proposed Master Plan.

Although subject to change, here is our expected schedule for completing the Master Plan:

Now until August 2007 - Continue to finalize Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Master Plan

August/September 2007 – Release DEIR for public review

During DEIR public review period – Hold public meeting to present and discuss DEIR

Late Fall 2007/Early Winter 2008 – Seek approval of final EIR and Master Plan by Board of Supervisors

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